

## *City of Cabot*

### *Meeting Minutes*

January 15, 2007

#### I. Call to order

Mayor Eddie Joe Williams called to order the regular meeting of the City of Cabot, Arkansas at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2007 in the council chambers at the City Annex building. Opening prayer was given by Bro. Silvey of Faith Baptist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Samantha Nichol from Troop 52 of the Girl Scouts of America.

#### II. Roll call

City Clerk-Treasurer Verkler conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Mayor Williams, City Attorney Taylor, City Clerk-Treasurer Verkler, Aldermen Cook, Long, Armstrong, Williams, and Teague along with Councilwomen LeMaster and Brickell. Councilwoman Meissner was absent due to illness.

#### III. Approval of minutes and other special business

Motion by Long, second by Armstrong to approve the minutes of the December 2006 meeting. All voted aye.

Motion by Long, second by Brickell, to read all ordinances and resolutions by title only tonight. All voted aye.

A special presentation was made to Sasha, a retiring Police Dog and her handler, Sgt. Jack Fitzhugh. The mayor proclaimed this day in honor of Sasha and Fitzhugh demonstrated her drug finding capabilities. The following resolution officially retired Sasha. RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2007 – A RESOLUTION GIVING A RETIRING K-9 SHEPHERD/LAB (SASHA) TO SGT. JACK FITZHUGH; THANKING THE K-9 FOR SERVICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. Motion by Cook, second by LeMaster to adopt the resolution. All voted aye.

Mayor Williams gave his Vision for the Future (or State of the City) address to the council. He addressed the main goals for his administration are to solve traffic problems within the city, establish and execute a solid budget, and promote a spirit of teamwork within the city in order to accomplish his goal of helping to make Cabot, the cleanest, safest, most livable city in Arkansas.

#### IV. Old Business

- a) Resolution No. 60 of 2006 – accepting a bid for Elm Street - was tabled and assigned to committee. Motion by Long, second by Armstrong. All voted aye.
- b) Ordinance No. 71 of 2006 – personnel policy - was read for the third time by clerk Verkler. The ordinance was tabled and assigned to committee for executive summary of changes and review.
- c) Ordinance No 80 of 2006 – minimum standards for property maintenance – was tabled and assigned to committee. Motion by Long, second by Armstrong. All voted aye.

#### V. New business

- a) RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2007 – A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING BOB SEIBERT TO POSITION 5 OF THE CABOT ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. Motion by Armstrong, second by Cook, to adopt the resolution. All voted aye.
- b) RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2007 – A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CABOT ALDERMAN LISA BRICKELL TO POSITION 7 OF THE CABOT ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. Motion by Cook, second by Armstrong, to adopt the resolution. All voted aye.
- c) ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2007 – AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 27 OF 2003, THE ORDINANCE ASSIGNING CHECK WRITING DUTIES TO THE FINANCE DIRECTOR, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. Motion by Brickell, second by Long, to suspend the rules of the second and third reading of the ordinances. All voted aye. Motion by Long, second by Brickell to adopt the ordinance. All voted aye. Motion by Brickell, second by Armstrong, to adopt the emergency clause of the ordinance. All voted aye.
- d) ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2007 – AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 2003; THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND CREATING THE POSITION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. Motion by Long, second by LeMaster to suspend the rules of the second and third readings of the ordinance. All voted aye. Motion by Brickell, second by Cook, to adopt the ordinance. All voted aye. Motion by Cook, second by Brickell, to adopt the emergency clause of the ordinance. All voted aye.
- e) ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2007 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES FOR FILING MATTERS BEFORE CITY COUNCIL; ESTABLISHING THE FORM USED TO FILE MATTERS BEFORE CITY COUNCIL; REQUIRING SPONSORSHIP FOR MATTERS TO BE FILED BEFORE CITY COUNCIL;

ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING A COMMITTEE SYSTEM TO REVIEW AND APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE PROPOSED ORDINANCES; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER MATTERS was read by Verkler. Motion by Brickell, second by LeMaster to suspend the rules of the second and third readings of the ordinance. All voted aye. Motion by Armstrong, second by Cook, to adopt the ordinance. All voted aye. Motion by Cook, second by Armstrong, to adopt the emergency clause of the ordinance. All voted aye.

#### VI. Community Input and Adjournment

Linda Nichol representing the Girl Scouts of America asked the council to consider lengthening the four month time period for soliciting funds for charitable purposes as outlined in Ordinance No. 81 of 2006. The mayor said he will get with the city attorney and have an opinion at the next meeting.

Billy Pedersen suggested that the city take a look at the plans for traffic relief within the city proposed by the Lonoke County Long Range Planning Committee.

Mayor Williams told the council that a request was made to Legislative Audit for an immediate audit.

Ken Williams announced a Fire and Police Committee meeting for 5:30 p.m. this Thursday.

The mayor announced a Budget and Personnel Committee meeting for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2007 at City Hall.

There being no further business, Brickell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Cook, all voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

#### CERTIFICATE

We, the undersigned Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Cabot do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct record of the proceedings of the City of Cabot Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

  
Eddie Joe Williams, Mayor

  
Marva Verkler, City Clerk-Treasurer